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Cloning and mRNA tissue distribution of **rabbit** cholesteryl ester transfer protein.

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The amino acid sequence of rabbit cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) has been obtained from cloned cDNA and genomic sequences. The 496 amino acid rabbit CETP has an overall sequence homology of 81% compared to the 476 amino acid human CETP , with two-thirds of the amino acid substitutions being conservative. Like human CETP, rabbit CETP is extremely hydrophobic, which is consistent with its function in the transfer of neutral lipids. The data implies extensive structural similarity between and human CETP. Rabbit CETP mRNA is estimated to be 2.2 kilobases in size, 300 nucleotides longer than the corresponding human mRNA, and contains the unusual polyadenylation signal sequence AGTAAA. In rabbit, CETP mRNA is found mainly in the liver, with small amounts also present in adrenal glands and kidney. In contrast to human spleen, rabbit spleen does not have detectable amounts of CETP mRNA. Northern blot analysis of liver poly(A) + RNAs revealed significant amounts of CETP message in human, rhesus, and rabbit , and undetectable levels in pig, mouse, and rat, in agreement with reported plasma levels of transfer activity.

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Mammalian adipose tissue and muscle are major sources of lipid transfer protein mRNA.

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; Amino Acid Sequence; Base Sequence; Blotting, Southern; Cloning, Molecular; Diet; Gene Expression; Hamsters; Lipoprotein Lipase --genetics--GE; Molecular Sequence Data; Nucleic Acid Hybridization; RNA, Messenger--genetics--GE; Rabbits; Rats; Tissue Distribution Gene Symbol: CETP

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01925091 Genuine Article#: JM223 Number of References: 20

Title: IDENTIFICATION OF A SEQUENCE WITHIN THE C-TERMINAL-26 AMINO-ACIDS OF CHOLESTERYL ESTER TRANSFER PROTEIN RESPONSIBLE FOR BINDING A NEUTRALIZING MONOCLONAL-ANTIBODY AND NECESSARY FOR NEUTRAL LIPID TRANSFER ACTIVITY (Abstract Available)

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01378673 Genuine Article#: GU471 Number of References: 35
Title: THE REGULATION OF HEPATIC LIPASE AND CHOLESTERYL ESTER TRANSFER
PROTEIN-ACTIVITY IN THE CHOLESTEROL-FED RABBIT (Abstract
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Author(s): WARREN RJ; EBERT DL; BARTER PJ; MITCHELL A
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Journal: BIOCHIMICA ET BIOPHYSICA ACTA, 1991, V1086, N3, P354-358

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Title: MOLECULAR-CLONING, SEQUENCE, AND EXPRESSION OF CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
CHOLESTERYL ESTER TRANSFER PROTEIN - INVERSE CORRELATION BETWEEN
HEPATIC CHOLESTERYL ESTER TRANSFER PROTEIN MESSENGER-RNA LEVELS AND
PLASMA HIGH-DENSITY-LIPOPROTEIN LEVELS (Abstract Available)
Author(s): PAPE ME; REHBERG EF; MAROTTI KR; MELCHIOR GW
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Research Fronts: 89-1447 002 (DEVELOPMENTALLY REGULATED GENE; CAPPING PROTEIN; CDNA SEQUENCE; GENOME ORGANIZATION) 89-2539 001 (LOW-DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN METABOLISM; LDL RECEPTOR; RAT AORTIC SMOOTH-MUSCLE...

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An efficient expression, purification and immunodetection system for recombinant gene products.

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We describe a modification of the mammalian expression vector pRc/CMV, which drives expression of inserted genes from either the human cytomegalovirus (CMV) immediate-early promoter or the bacteriophage T7 RNA polymerase promoter. The modification is designed to allow expression, simple purification and specific immunodetection of recombinant fusion proteins. The modified plasmid, termed pTag/CMV-neo, encodes a Kozak consensus ribosome-binding site (RBS) and a 30-amino acid fusion tag peptide. This peptide consists of a metal ion-binding site, (His)6, for single-step affinity purification using Ni(2+)-chelating resin and a multi-purpose HIV-1-derived peptide (p18HIV). This viral epitope can be used to identify, detect and characterize target fusion proteins in conjunction with a specific monoclonal antibody H902 that does not display cross-reactivity with cellular proteins. The H902 production hybridoma cell line is reagent #521 from the NIH AIDS Research and Reference Program.

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The HIV-1 regulatory protein Nef has a specific function in viral expression in a murine macrophage cell line.

Murphy K M; Sweet M J; Hume D A

Centre for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of Queensland, Australia.

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Expression of reporter genes under the control of the HIV-1 long terminal repeat (LTR) was up-regulated in the murine macrophage cell line RAW264 by cotransfection of a plasmid coding for the viral regulatory protein Nef. To determine if a discrete section of the LTR was exclusively responsive to Nef, a series of promoters was produced by successive 5' deletions from the LTR up to the boundary of the enhancer region. These truncated promoters were as active as the full-length sequence in the RAW264 cells, but elimination of the direct repeats and one of the three Sp1 sites reduced promoter activity to minimal levels. Transcription driven by all constructs was equally susceptible to the trans-activating effect of Nef and could be increased further by the addition of a Tat-expressing plasmid to the cotransfection. Open reading frames of nef from NL4-3, from HXB2, which has a premature stop, and a fully functional hybrid of the two under the control of the SR alpha artificial promoter (SV40 early promoter plus HTLV-I R-U5') were able to transactivate the LTR in RAW264 cells to the same degree as HXB3 nef under the control of the cytomegalovirus (CMV) immediate-early promoter. A frameshift mutation of Nef at the XhoI site at position 8475 did not abrogate trans-activation of the LTR in macrophages. To further define the effective trans-activation region of Nef, internal deletions were made. Changes downstream of the XhoI site at amino acid 35 resulted in little or no reduction in trans-activation, whereas a deletion between the CMV promoter of the expression plasmid and the XhoI site largely abolished activity. Nef trans-activation of the LTR may be restricted to cotransfection experiments in COS-1 simian macrophages. Parallel fibroblast-like cells showed repression of reporter expression by Nef. Results suggested that the section of nef responsible for transactivation of the LTR in macrophages differed slightly from that sufficient for trans-repression in fibroblasts. Translation of the protein from the first translation start site (Met-1) rather than from the second in-frame ATG (Met-20) appears to be necessary for the trans-activating effect of Nef in RAW264 cells. Mutation of the initial ATG to ATA led to loss of trans-activating activity. Expression of Nef also has cytostatic/cytotoxic effect on RAW264 cells indicated by a reduced rate of establishment of stably transfected clones. The cytostatic effect of Nef was not relieved by internal deletions in the coding sequence. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)

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Tetanus toxin: primary structure, expression in E. coli, and homology with botulinum toxins.

Eisel U; Jarausch W; Goretzki K; Henschen A; Engels J; Weller U; Hudel M; Habermann E; Niemann H

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A pool of synthetic oligonucleotides was used to identify the gene encoding tetanus toxin on a 75-kbp plasmid from a toxigenic non-sporulating strain of Clostridium tetani. The nucleotide sequence contained a single open reading frame coding for 1315 amino acids corresponding to a polypeptide with a mol. wt of 150,700. In the mature toxin molecule, proline (2) and serine (458) formed the N termini of the 52,288 mol. wt light chain and the 98,300 mol. wt heavy chain, respectively. Cysteine (467) was involved in the disulfide linkage between the two subchains. The amino acid sequences of the tetanus toxin revealed striking homologies with the partial amino acid sequences of botulinum toxins A, B, and E, indicating that the neurotoxins from C. tetani and C. botulinum are derived from a common ancestral gene. Overlapping peptides together covering the entire tetanus toxin molecule were synthesized in Escherichia coli and identified by monoclonal antibodies. The promoter of the toxin gene was localized in a region extending 322 bp upstream from the ATG codon and was shown to be functional in E. coli.

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Analysis of human T-cell receptor V beta **gene** usage following immunization to **tetanus** toxoid in vivo.

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human T-cell antigen receptor (TcR) V beta repertoire was investigated following in vivo reimmunization with tetanus toxoid (TT). Four healthy subjects were immunized subcutaneously with TT, and 24 samples of peripheral blood T cells were taken at intervals over several weeks and used to generate TcR-C beta chain-specific first-strand\_cDNA.\_A semi-quantitative assay utilizing the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was used to measure the amount of 22 different TcR-V beta gene transcripts in the cDNA. A peak increase in the amount of V beta 2, 4, 6, 13.1 and 14 occurred 14 days post-immunization, with each V beta increased in at least two of the four subjects. No obvious changes in the other 17 V beta genes were found. A secondary antibody response to TT occurred in all subjects by day 14. These results show that it is now possible to characterize the in vivo kinetics of the human TcR repertoire following stimulation with a conventional antigen.

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Abstract: Disclosed is a method of altering one or more characteristics of
at least some of the cells of the reproductive tract of a mammalian
individual by the introduction into said cells of a nucleic acid, together
with a composition comprising nucleic acid, for use in the method.
...PCT Pub (No, Date), Applic (No, Date): 19960704
Non-exemplary Claims: ...7. The method of claim 1, wherein the
  promoter is the CMV promoter.
...9. The method of claim 8, wherein the promoter is the CMV
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GENE THERAPY FOR RESTENOSIS USING AN ADENOVIRAL VECTOR; TREATMENT OF
RESTENOSIS BY GENE THERAPY, COMPRISING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A RECOMBINANT
ADENOVIRUS CONTAINING A SUICIDE GENE
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Abstract: A method for treating restenosis by gene therapy is disclosed, said method comprising delivering a recombinant suicide-genecontaining adenovirus.

...PCT Pub(No,Date),Applic(No,Date): 19960222
Non-exemplary Claims: ...wherein the promoter is selected from the group consisting of a RSV LTR and a CMV promoter.

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CELL-SPECIFIC ACTIVE COMPOUNDS REGULATED BY THE CELL CYCLE; DNA CONSTRUCT OF AN ACTIVATOR SEQUENCE, A CELL CYCLE-CONTROLLED PROMOTER, AND DNA WHICH CODES FOR AN ACTIVE SUBSTANCE; GENE THERAPY

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Abstract: A DNA sequence is described for the gene therapy of diseases associated with the immune system. In its essential elements, the DNA sequence is composed of an activator sequence, a promoter module and a gene for the active substance. The activator sequence is activated in a cell-specific or virus-specific manner and this activation is regulated by the promoter module in a cell cycle-specific manner. The choice of activator sequence and active substance depends on the indication area. The DNA sequence is inserted into a viral or non-viral vector which is supplemented by a ligand having affinity for the target cell. Depending on the choice of activator sequence and active substance, the following can be treated by administering the DNA sequence: defective formation of blood cells; autoimmune diseases and allergies and, in addition, rejection reactions against transplanted organs; chronic arthritis; viral and parasitic infections and, in addition, prophylaxis of viral, bacterial and parasitic infections; and leukemias.

...PCT Pub(No,Date),Applic(No,Date): 19960307
Non-exemplary Claims: ...4. The active compound as claimed in claim 3, containing the CMV promoter sequence, the CMV enhancer sequence or the SV40 promoter sequence...

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DNA FOR EXPRESSION UNDER CONTROL OF A CELL CYCLE-DEPENDENT PROMOTER;

NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES PREFERENTIAL POLYPEPTIDES FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF

DEFECTS IN CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

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Abstract: A DNA sequence is disclosed for the genetic therapy of diseases of the central nervous system. The essential components for the DNA sequence are the activator sequence, the promoter module, and the active substance coding gene. The activator sequence is specifically activated in activated endothelial or glial cells. Activation is cell cycle-regulated by the promoter module. The active substance represents an inhibitor of the nerve growth factor, a dopanine metabolism enzyme, and/or a nerve cell protection factor. The disclosed DNA sequence is inserted into a viral or non-viral vector, supplemented with a ligand with affinity for the target cells.

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Non-exemplary Claims: ...of claim 1, wherein said activator sequence is selected from the group consisting of: a CMV promoter, a CMV enhancer and a SV40 promoter.

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VIABLE CONTAMINANT PARTICLE FREE ADENOVIRUSES, THEIR PREPARTION AND USE; GENETICALLY ENGINEERED REPLICATION DEFECTIVE VIRAL VECTOR FOR USE AS A TOOL IN GENE THERAPY

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Abstract: Novel adenovirus-derived viral vectors, the preparation thereof, and their use in gene therapy, are disclosed. In particular, recombinant adenoviruses including an adenovirus genome wherein (i) the El region is

inactivated, (ii) the genomic organization is modified, and (iii) optional recombination with the producing line genome generates non-viable viral particles, are disclosed.

...PCT Pub(No,Date), Applic(No,Date): 19960509
Non-exemplary Claims: ...the viral promoter is selected from the group consisting of an E1A, an MLP, a CMV, and an RSV promoter.

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IMMUNOLOGICAL PROCESS AND CONSTRUCTS FOR INCREASING THE HDL CHOLESTEROL

CONCENTRATION BY DNA VACCINATION

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Abstract: A process for inducing the production of antibodies that bind to cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) is disclosed. That process comprises the steps of: (a) immunizing a mammal with an inoculum containing a recombinant DNA molecule that comprises a DNA sequence that contains (i) a sequence encoding a CETP immunogen that is linked to (ii) a promoter sequence that controls expression of the CETP immunogen, the recombinant DNA molecule being dissolved or dispersed in a vehicle; and (b) maintaining the immunized mammal for a time period sufficient to induce the production of antibodies that bind to CETP, and preferably lessen the transfer of cholesteryl esters from HDL where the blood of the mammal itself contains CETP. Immunogens, inocula, DNA segments, and recombinant DNA molecule vectors useful for carrying out the invention are also disclosed.

Non-exemplary Claims: ...7. The process according to claim 3 wherein said recombinant DNA molecule encodes rabbit CETP as said immunogenic polypeptide...

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IMMUNOLOGICAL PROCESS FOR INCREASING THE HDL CHOLESTROL CONCENTRATION

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Abstract: A process for increasing the concentration of HDL cholesterol in the blood of a mammal whose blood contains cholesterol ester transfer protein (CETP) is contemplated. That process comprises the steps of: (a) immunizing the mammal with an inoculum containing a CETP immunogen that is an immunogenic polypeptide having a CETP amino acid residue sequence and is dissolved or dispersed in a vehicle; and (b) maintaining the immunized mammal for a time period sufficient for said immunogenic polypeptide to induce the production of antibodies that bind to CETP and lessen the transfer of cholesteryl esters from HDL. Immunogens, inocula and DNA segments useful for carrying out the invention are also disclosed.

Non-exemplary Claims: ...according to claim 1 wherein said immunogenic polypeptide has the amino acid residue sequence of rabbit

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MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY REACTIVE TO HUMAN CETP AND ASSAY METHOD FOR HUMAN CETP; ANTI-HUMAN CHOLESTERYL ESTER TRANSFER PROTEIN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY OR FAB FRAGMENT WHICH INHIBITS CHOLESTEROL ESTER TRANSFER ACTIVITY OF HUMAN CETP AND DOES NOT INHIBIT ACTIVITY OF RABBIT CETP

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Abstract: Monoclonal antibodies which have binding specificity to human CETP(CETP inhibition activity) and which are useful as reagents for purification or quantification of human CETP, and as pharmaceuticals to prevent and/or treat hyperlipidemia or arteriosclerosis are provided. Furthermore, purification and quantification methods of human CETP by using the monoclonal antibodies are also provided.

...WHICH INHIBITS CHOLESTEROL ESTER TRANSFER ACTIVITY OF HUMAN CETP AND DOES NOT INHIBIT ACTIVITY OF RABBIT CETP

Exemplary Claim: ...ester transfer activity of human CETP and does not inhibit cholesterol ester transfer activity of rabbit CETP at a concentration of 3 mu g/ml or below, and wherein said monoclonal antibody...

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Title: FUSIONAL EXPRESSION OF HUMAN CHOLESTERYL ESTER
TRANSFER PROTEIN CDNA IN RECOMBINANT VACCINIA
VIRUS-INFECTED MAMMALIAN-CELLS

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Abstract: Biologically active human plasma cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP) was directed to produce as a fusion protein with glutathione-S-transferase (GST) in recombinant vaccinia virus-infected mammalian cells, Complementary DNAs for CST and CETP were Ligated side by side, and introduced into vaccinia viral transfer vectors. The viral vectors were transfected into CV-1 cells infected previously with wild-type vaccinia viruses, Recombinant viruses were generated by the homologous recombination and selected with BUdR and X-gal in human TK- 143B cells. The DNA from the selected virus was amplified and expressed in the CV-1 cells, The GST/CETP fusion protein (86 kDa) was identified on the SDS-PAGE followed by Western blot analysis using polyclonal antibody against the C-terminal active region of CETP fused with GST , The virus-infected cell lysates were loaded on the glutathione -Sepharose affinity column and the CETP was eluted from the column by cleavage with thrombin while the GST/CETP was bound on the column, The purified CETP showed biological activity when subjected to a CETP assay.

Title: FUSIONAL EXPRESSION OF HUMAN CHOLESTERYL ESTER
TRANSFER PROTEIN CDNA IN RECOMBINANT VACCINIA
VIRUS-INFECTED MAMMALIAN-CELLS

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Structure-function relationships of human cholesteryl ester transfer protein: analysis using monoclonal antibodies.

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Cholesteryl ester transfer protein (CETP),

acid glycoprotein, mediates cholesteryl ester (CE), amino triglyceride, and phospholipid transfer among plasma lipoproteins. A monoclonal antibody (mAb), TP2, specific for an epitope within the last 26 amino acids of CETP has been shown to block all CETP -mediated lipid transfer, apparently by limiting access to lipid-binding sites in the carboxy terminal of CETP. A new panel of 16 anti-human CETP mAbs has now been used to further probe the structure-function relationships of CETP. Of the new mAbs, 9 partially inhibit CETP-mediated CE transfer (24-43%) from HDL to LDL. The corresponding epitopes were mapped within the CETP primary structure by the reactivity of the mAbs with CETP variants having deletions or amino acid substitutions. Of the 9 new, neutralizing mAbs, 6 are specific for epitopes situated between residues 410-450 and two others for epitopes between residues 184-260 and 332-366, respectively. The epitope of one neutralizing mAbs could not be mapped. Therefore, binding of mAbs to epitopes situated in four non-overlapping regions within CETP primary structure that are separated by as many as 280 residues can neutralize CETP -mediated CE transfer. Epitopes of mAbs that do not influence CE transfer activity map to the regions 184-260, 261-331, and 367-409, respectively. When pairs of mAbs were tested for their abilities to mutually compete for binding to immobilized CETP, competition was observed for mAbs specific for epitopes that are distant in CETP primary structure. The cross-competition patterns demonstrate that the carboxy terminal 60% of CETP adopts a compact structure. Together with previous mutagenesis studies, the data suggests that a carboxy terminal neutral lipid binding domain may be in close proximity to a lipoprotein binding region within native CETP.

Structure-function relationships of human cholesteryl ester

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TIGHT CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION IN EUCARYOTIC CELLS BY

TETRACYCLINE-RESPONSIVE PROMOTERS

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#### Abstract:

Transgenic animals carrying two transgenes, the first coding for a transactivator fusion protein comprising a tet repressor and a polypeptide which directly or indirectly activates in eucaryotic cells, and the second comprising a gene operably linked to a minimal promoter operably linked to at least one tet operator sequence, are disclosed. Isolated DNA molecules (e.g., targeting vectors) for integrating a polynucleotide sequence encoding a transactivator of the invention at a predetermined location within a second target DNA molecule by homologous recombination are also disclosed. Transgenic animals having the DNA molecules of the invention integrated at a predetermined location in a chromosome by homologous recombination are also encompassed by the invention. Methods to regulate the expression of a tet operator linked-gene of interest by administering tetracycline or a tetracycline analogue to an animal of the invention are also disclosed. The regulatory system of the invention allows for conditional inactivation or modulation of expression of a gene of interest in a host cell or animal.

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## Abstract:

...activates in eucaryotic cells, and the second comprising a gene operably linked to a minimal **promoter** operably linked to at least one tet operator sequence, are disclosed. Isolated DNA molecules (e... Non-exemplary Claims:

- ...for integrating a polynucleotide sequence encoding a tetracycline-controllable transactivator (tTA) and a tTA-responsive promoter within a predetermined gene of interest in a second target DNA molecule, the DNA molecule...
- ...activates transcription in eucaryotic cells; and c) a third polynucleotide sequence comprising a tTA-responsive promoter, operably linked to: d) a fourth polynucleotide sequence comprising at least a portion of a...
- ...of interest and expression of the gene of interest is controlled by the tTA-responsive promoter.
- ...21. The DNA molecule of claim 11, wherein the tTA-responsive promoter of the third nucleotide sequence comprises a minimal promoter operably linked to at least one tet operator sequence...
- ...22. The DNA molecule of claim 21, wherein the minimal promoter is

- derived from a cytomegalovirus immediate early gene promoter or a herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase gene promoter.
- ...claim 25, further comprising a gene of interest operably linked to a tTA-responsive transcriptional **promoter**.
- ...27. The host cell of claim 26, wherein the tTA-responsive **promoter** comprises a minimal **promoter** operably linked to at least one tet operator sequence...
- ...28. The host cell of claim 27, wherein the minimal promoter is derived from a cytomegalovirus immediate early gene promoter or a herpes simplex virus thymidine kinase gene promoter.
- ...method for inhibiting transcription of the gene of interest operatively linked to the tTA-responsive promoter in the host cell of claim 26, comprising contacting the cell with tetracycline or a...gene product encoded by the gene of interest operably linked to the tTA-responsive transcriptional promoter in the cell of claim 26, comprising: a) growing cells in a culture medium in...